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INCLUSION IN TEACHING SYLLABUS THE DISOVERY OF AN ANCIENT FORT
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the discovery of an ancient fort on the outskirts of Bhubaneshwar at Sishupalgarh the remains of a 2,500 year old city is an important matter as can be considered for inclusion in the teaching syllabus of history books at school/college level as was the case with Harappa and Mohan Jodaro:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any further study is being done on the findings; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a)to(d) The recent excavation carried out at an early historic period site of Sisupalgarh by Deccan College, Pune suggests that its earliest date may go back to 2500 years ago.It is premature to consider the inclusion of the findings from Sishupalgarh in the teaching syllabus of history books at school/college level,as the said excavation at Sishupalgarh is yet to be formally reported upon by Deccan College,Pune.